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To Whom It Concerns:

I am writing regarding the FEC's recent letter to Prairie Pac.

For the last couple of weeks I have been working with Mr. Erik Koeppen, FEC Campaign Finance Analyst, to file the necessary amendments to Prairie Pac's July and October Quarterly reports. Thus far, our inability to file has been based on problems with the FEC File4 electronic software, not lack of information and effort from the committee's part.

Here are the difficulties we've encountered:

1.) Due to a systems failure we no longer have Prairie Pac's reports prior to the October Quarterly (2002) on our system. Therefore we are unable to amend reports filed before the October Quarterly (given the fact that we must file electronically). We have been in touch with the FEC's Electronic Filing Division on multiple occasions over the past week in an attempt to download these earlier reports. We were notified by a tech support assistant with the FEC, Carlos, that he would be able to email to us instructions to download or rebuild the previous reports. A few days ago Carlos stated that his email system was experiencing difficulties, and that he would send the email as soon as the system was again up and running. To date, we have not received the email.

2.) Our Post General report was filed late. Again, during the attempt to file this report we experienced difficulty with the FEC's ability to receive electronic reports. On a number of occasions we received a message that the FEC system was undergoing maintenance. Eventually, the maintenance was completed, but it delayed our filing.

In short, our problems have been with the electronic filing system. We are in the process of establishing our records with a software company designed for electronic filing.

As evidenced by this letter and my many contacts with FEC personnel, we are doing everything within our power to file the requested amendments. I have been in touch with FEC staff from both the Reports Analysis and Tech Support Divisions. Please rest assured that I will continue to work with your staff to file the necessary amendments.

Thank you very much for your assistance and understanding of our situation. Please feel free to contact me day or night. I can be reached during the day at 217.544.3258, and at home during the evenings 217.747.0311.

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